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Mr. Wisner

May 29, 1952

Memorandum for: U - Mr. Bruce

From: S/P - Mr. Joyce

Subject: PSB Meeting Today and the CIA "Packet"

Mr. Frank Wisner telephoned me this morning and said that at the PSB meeting today General Smith would suggest that the recommended action by the Board as set forth in the Draft of May 27, 1952 by the 10/5 Panel (attached hereto) should be put off for another week. Mr. Wisner made the following points which he requested that I pass on to you before the PSB luncheon today:

1. Colonel Johnston had been laid up all this week and inasmuch as he lives beyond Fairfax it had not been possible for him to get into the drafting of the 10/5 Panel requirements. On the basis of a telephone call from Mr. [] yesterday afternoon, Colonel Johnston indicated that he was unhappy with the language in paragraphs a and b of the Draft and did not think that this language would give him what he needed particularly in the way of proceeding with planning.

2. Mr. Wisner himself was away from the office most of last week and until Tuesday of this week and had not been able to review the situation raised by the 10/5 Panel and the PSB. He had gotten into it only yesterday and then in a superficial manner. He stated that he needed more time.

3. Mr. Wisner had seen General Smith only this morning and the General apparently thought that the language was more or less meaningless and for that reason desired himself to get into it more deeply and substantively.

I advised Mr. Wisner that our understanding in the Department of State was that it was the CIA which desired PSB action as soon as possible and it was for this reason that we went forward with Tracy Barnes in an attempt to draw up some sort of language which would meet

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the requirements of the OPC. At the present juncture, this Department felt that it did not desire to go beyond the language contained in the two paragraphs. Mr. Wisner replied that the CIA did not feel this degree of urgency and that one week's delay would make no difference one way or the other.

It would be my recommendation that you agree today with General Smith to defer any action on the 10/5 Panel's Draft. As a matter of fact, I think that we must now consider that there are no agreed 10/5 Panel recommendations in view of the fact that the CIA representative, Colonel Johnston, apparently does not go along with the present Draft.

Robert P. Joyce

Att:

PSB Draft of 5-27-52,
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P.S. just phoned to say that Col. Johnston had suggested an additional sentence to the recommended action to the effect that planning should proceed, etc. It is therefore possible that Gen. Smith might raise this addendum to the recommended action at today's meeting.

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